



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

TAKAHASHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2875

Appln. No.: 09/309,279

Examiner: Y. Quach Lee

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Title: PLANAR LIGHT EMITTING DEVICE

January 2, 2002

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2001 ("Action"), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 and 4-19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following amended claims:

21. (Twice Amended) A planar light emitting device comprising:
- a transparent body having a transparent synthetic resin layer containing no light scattering material;
 - a semi-transparent body having a semi-transparent synthetic resin layer containing a light scattering material;
 - a diffusion layer, the transparent body and the semi-transparent body being joined to form the diffusion layer therebetween, wherein the diffusion layer comprises a sea-islands structure, the islands in the sea-islands structure having a plurality of solid shapes;
 - at least the transparent body, the semi-transparent body and the diffusion layer defining a planar light emitter; and
 - a light source disposed at least at one side of the planar light emitter;